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ACTION EB-07

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8760

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LOME

INFO AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, EAIR, CASC, DM, NI, TO, CG

SUBJ: ALLEGED UNCLEARED OVERFLIGHT

REF: A. COTONOU 1224, B. LAGOS 8712, C. LOME 1702

1. ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED CHARGE AUGUST 4 THAT ZAIRE AIR FORCE DID INDEED HAVE CESSNA AIRCRAFT ON ORDER FROM FRANCE, BUT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THEIR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. THE ZAIRIANS ARE CHECKING WITH THEIR EMBASSY IN LAGOS AND PLAN TO MAKE A FORMAL APOLOGY TO GPRB FOR THE VIOLATION OF BENINESE AIRSPACE. IN VIEW OF THE DISCREPANCIES (OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT, NATIONALITIES OF PILOTS, PURPOSE OF MISSION, DESTINATION IN NIGERIA) BETWEEN THE REPORTS FROM LAGOS AND LOME, EMBASSY HAS DECIDED TO DELAY THE DELIVERY OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE REQUESTING GPRB WITHDRAW ITS PROTEST UNTIL IT IS CLEAR THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS OR PROPERTY NOT INVOLVED.

2. BENINESE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TOLD EMBOFF THAT PLANES DID IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO COTONOU CONTROL TOWER BUT REFUSED TO COMMUNICATE FURTHER INFORMATION. POST REQUESTS ACTION ADDRESSEES TO FORWARD ANY FURTHER VERIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT OR PILOTS' NATIONALITIES THAT YOU MAY DEVELOP.

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ESPECIALLY NEED TO KNOW IF REGISTRATION NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT

WHICH DEPARTED LOME OR ARRIVED UGHELLI MATCH THOSE CITED REF A.

3. FIR KINSHASA: REQUEST THAT AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU CONTACT
GOZ AND REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT CESSNA 150 AIRCRAFT TO BE
DELIVERED HAD FOLLOWING U.S. CIVIL REGISTRATION NUMBERS:
N 72007, N72035, N72038.

4. FOR SECSTATE: REQUEST THAT YOU QUERY CESSNA HEADQUARTERS
WICHITA RE OWNERSHIP OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT.
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